



EPISODE: 611

TITLE: **It's Time For The Church To Tell a New Story**

If we're serious about changing the culture within the church, we must begin to change the narrative our leaders (and all of us) tell. The Church is not just a Sunday experience!

Here are three things to believe and consider about the stories we tell about the Church...

1. **It's time we change the stories we tell about the Church and our mission.** If we are serious about changing the culture within the church, then we must begin to change the narrative that our leaders tell. If the only stories we are telling through social media and to others are who is preaching, what *you're* preaching, how amazing the worship band was on Sunday, or how many people are showing up, then we will continue to get and BE what we continue to highlight.
2. **If our relationship with God is largely transactional, then that's how we'll view the Church.** Do you have a real, daily, moment by moment relationship with Jesus and his Father? Or are your prayer times rare, sterile, and largely asking (or telling) God to do things for you? God desires a relationship of trust with you that is real and present. He is longing to draw you into His big Story and in so doing, rewrite the story of your life. And not just your afterlife, but today, tomorrow... with your family and friends, and within the Church.
3. **Recognize the power of stories.** Let's start by changing the stories we tell each other about the Church. What is the collective narrative your church hears from her leaders and each other? Words and language and stories really do shape us. If we're not careful, we will be shaped by the negative stories we tell ourselves. Turn this around by intentionally taking the time to discover where God is already at work around you, and then discern how he wants you to lean in and participate with him. Start to tell more of *those* stories within the church body and out to the watching, listening world!

Also: If you're interested in learning a full framework for discipleship and mission, I'd like to invite you to join Tina and I in an upcoming coaching cohort. Let's set up a short Zoom call to get to know each other better and I'll tell you all about it and answer any questions you have.

Check out: everydaydisciple.com/coaching

Thanks for listening... we'll see you in the next episode!

~Caesar